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# Quit Iceland, Demand of America First

## 227 Delegates Also Want Navy Brought Out of War Zones

Withdrawal of American troops from Iceland and American naval vessels from war zones was demanded yesterday in a resolution adopted unanimously by 227 chapter chairmen and delegates of the America First Committee meeting at the Lee-Sheraton Hotel.

The resolution was introduced by William T. Leonard, chairman of the Brooklyn committee.

### Ask Reuben James Quiz

It was also voted to dispatch a letter to Senator David I. Walsh (D.), of Massachusetts, chairman of the Senate Naval Affairs Committee, urging an investigation into the circumstances of the sinking of the American destroyer Reuben James similar to the inquiry which revealed that the American destroyer Greer was trailing a German submarine when fired upon.

The letter, offered by Amos Pinchot, New York attorney, asked Senator Walsh to call upon President Roosevelt to reveal who gave the order for the Reuben James to engage in convoy duty, "and to reveal all facts and circumstances under which the disaster occurred."

The meeting pledged itself to "work and vote in the 1942 primaries and general election for every member of the Senate and House of Representatives, irrespective of party, who votes to retain the provisions of the present Neutrality Act which prohibit the entry of American flag ships into combat areas or belligerent ports."

### To Fight "Dictatorship"

It also pledged, in a resolution introduced by Isaac Pennypacker, Philadelphia attorney, "to work and vote against the renomination and re-election in 1942 of every member of the Senate and House of Representatives who votes to repeal the provisions of the present Neutrality Act which prohibit the entry of American flag ships into combat areas or belligerent ports."

Chief speaker of the week-end conference was former Governor Philip La Follette, of Wisconsin, who said the America First Committee's adherents would band together in next year's congressional elections to prevent the "war party from establishing a Fascist dictatorship in America."

### Prominent Delegates

Delegates represented 119 chapters in 27 States. Among those present were John T. Flynn, New York, chairman; Mrs. Janet Ayer Fairbank and Gen. Thomas S. Hammond, of Chicago; Frederick Chase, of Los Angeles, and Tudor Gardiner Jr., of Boston.

Congressional guests who attended one or more of the sessions included Senator Burton K. Wheeler (D.), of Montana; Senator Robert A. Taft (R.), of Ohio; Senator George D. Aiken (R.), of Vermont; Senator Robert M. La Follette Jr. (Prog.), of Wisconsin; Senator Gerald P. Nye (R.), of North Dakota, and Representative Karl E. Mundt (R.), of South Dakota.

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SENATOR LEE TODAY DEMANDED AN ACCOUNTING OF THE INCOME OF THE "AMERICA FIRST COMMITTEE" AND CHARGED THE ORGANIZATION WITH "THREATENING" CONGRESSMEN WHO SUPPORT ADMINISTRATION FOREIGN POLICIES WITH POLITICAL DEFEAT.

"I WANT TO KNOW WHO IS FINANCING THIS SO-CALLED AMERICA FIRST COMMITTEE THAT IS THREATENING THE MEMBERS OF CONGRESS NOW WHEN WE ARE ABOUT TO CAST ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT VOTES IN AMERICAN HISTORY," LEE SAID, IN A SENATE SPEECH.

LEE RECALLED THAT THE "NO FOREIGN WAR COMMITTEE," WHICH HAS DISSOLVED, WAS PURPORTEDLY FINANCED BY WILLIAM RHODES DAVIS. DAVIS, LEE SAID, WAS SHIPPING OIL TO GERMANY WHEN ALL OTHER OPERATORS IN TEXAS AND OKLAHOMA HAD CEASED TO DO SO.

SENATOR WHEELER INTERRUPTED LEE TO SAY THAT DAVIS HAD CONTRIBUTED \$300,000 TO THE DEMOCRATIC CAMPAIGN IN 1936. "I NEVER MET MR. DAVIS IN MY LIFE AND HOLD NO BRIEF FOR HIM BUT IF YOU ARE GOING TO INQUIRE INTO HIS CONTRIBUTIONS I THINK HIS CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY AND THE ADMINISTRATION SHOULD BE NOTED," WHEELER SAID.

LEE RECALLED THAT DAVIS HAD WRITTEN TO WHEELER REQUESTING AN INVESTIGATION WHEN PUBLICITY CONCERNING HIS OPERATIONS BECAME WIDESPREAD.

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# Troops Barred From Offices of America First

Colonel Also 'Taboos' Some 'Isolationist Churches' in Denver

DENVER, Nov. 8 (U.P.).—Following classification of America First Committee headquarters here as "out of bounds" for 10,000 soldiers stationed at Lowry Field, the Army Air Corps technical school, Col. Early E. W. Duncan, commandant, said today churches whose pastors "preach against true Americanism" also would be placed in the "taboo" class.

Col. Duncan also prohibited the possession on the Army reservation of any literature issued by the America First Committee.

## Visited by Military

"I am opposed to anything likely to bring about a division of national effort in times like these," he said. "My commander-in-chief is the President, and I do not believe he is in accord with the views of the America First Committee."

Workers of the local branch of the America First Committee said military policemen had been visiting their headquarters frequently to see that Duncan's orders were being obeyed.

Arthur Brooks, Colorado chairman of the America First Committee, said some soldiers had "dropped in" at the committee's headquarters to "express strong sympathy with the organization's efforts to keep the country out of another foreign war," but that the committee had made no effort to propagandize the armed forces.

"We prefer not to embarrass them or the committee," he said.

## Fails to Detail Instances

Duncan said his intelligence division had found examples of America First Committee and church workers inciting anti-war sentiment among his soldiers. He refused to detail instances or specify individuals. He had no objection to soldiers attending churches of their faith, he continued, but would not have them subjected to "thoughts and ideas harmful to morale."

"I will extend the out of bounds area to churches where I am convinced the pastor continues to preach against true Americanism by opposing the definite policy of the nation," he said. "It is my sincere hope that it will not be necessary to take such drastic action. But I want to make very plain that if I feel such action will better serve the army, I will not hesitate to take it."

## Clergymen Puzzled

He said that "several pastors who had seemed isolationist have changed their views recently" and, therefore, there probably would be no necessity of declaring any church out-of-bounds.

Prominent clergymen and laymen said they knew of no pastors who have taken strong stands against "the definite policy of the nation." They professed to be puzzled by Duncan's statement.

Returning to the America First Committee, Duncan said his intelligence service had reported that some soldiers were frequenting its headquarters.

"I didn't like the way things were going," he said. "I consider the committee a political organization more than anything else."

CHICAGO, Nov. 6 (I.N.). The America First Committee today asserted it was not the policy of the committee to propagandize soldiers, or to solicit membership among the nation's armed forces. The statement was made by Douglas Stuart, national director in commenting upon the order given soldiers at Lowry Field, Col. Early E. W. Duncan, commanding officer, forbidding them to visit America First headquarters in Denver.

"I should hate to believe," Stuart declared, "that this is a runner to a complete blackout of freedom of speech and thought in the United States."

"Perhaps this action reflects Administration's anxiety concerning the lack of enthusiasm played by the people for immediate part in Europe's war."

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# **Mrs. Clark Points Out Story Error Naming America First Unit**

**Says No Mail Sacks  
 Were Removed From  
 Committee Headquarters**

In a letter to The Star, Mrs. Bennett Champ Clark, acting chairman of the Washington Chapter of the America First Committee, has pointed out an error in The Star last Friday concerning the America First Committee.

The Star said that George Hill, secretary to Representative Fish, Republican, of New York, had been questioned by the grand jury about the removal of mail sacks from the America First Committee headquarters after the grand jury had subpoenaed its records. This was in error. The story should have said the sacks were removed from the headquarters of the "Make Europe Pay War Debts Committee." The Star regrets having confused the two organizations.

Mrs. Clark's letter follows in full: "In The Evening Star for Friday, November 14, 1941, at page B-1, at the close of an article entitled 'House Group Delays Action on Grand Jury

Subpoena to Fish,' appears the following:

"Mr. Hill was questioned about mail sacks removed hurriedly from the American First Committee headquarters after the grand jury had subpoenaed its records."

"Equivalent statements or implications have appeared in earlier issues of The Evening Star."

"The statement is entirely untrue. No mail sacks were removed from the America First Committee headquarters (except those voluntarily handed over to the United States marshal in response to a subpoena duces tecum) and no such removal was attempted or considered. No records of the America First Committee have been subpoenaed, either by the grand jury or any one else."

"America First Committee stands ready and willing at all times to afford access to any of its records or to give any information that may be desired or requested by any governmental agency or official acting within the scope of his authority and duties."

"Apparently, due to inadvertence or misinformation, your reporter has our organization confused with the Make Europe Pay War Debts Com-

mittee, an entirely separate organization, with which America First Committee has no connection. We shall appreciate it if you will make an appropriate correction of the inaccuracy, giving it a prominence equal to that given the above-quoted statement."

"MRS. BENNETT CHAMP CLARK, Acting Chairman of Washington Chapter."

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CHICAGO--CEN. ROBERT E. WOOD, NATIONAL CHAIRMAN OF THE AMERICA FIRST COMMITTEE, ANNOUNCED THAT THE COMMITTEE WILL BE REORGANIZED ALONG THE LINES OF THE MAJOR POLITICAL PARTY ORGANIZATIONS TO ENABLE IT TO PARTICIPATE ACTIVELY IN COMING ELECTIONS.

WOOD SAID THE ORGANIZATIONAL MACHINERY OF THE COMMITTEE WOULD BE REVAMPED TO MAKE IT CONFORM WITH LAWS GOVERNING CONTRIBUTIONS AND ACTIVITIES OF POLITICAL PARTIES.

WOOD SAID THE COMMITTEE AS A NON-PROFIT CORPORATION IS PROHIBITED FROM ENGAGING IN POLITICAL ACTIVITIES.

"REORGANIZED, WE WILL BE SOMETHING LIKE THE OLD ANTI-SALOON LEAGUE," WOOD SAID. "WE WILL ENDORSE A REPUBLICAN HERE, A DEMOCRAT THERE AND MAYBE A PROGRESSIVE, DEPENDING UPON THEIR FOREIGN POLICY STANDS. WE WILL TAKE NO STAND ON DOMESTIC ISSUES WHATSOEVER BUT WILL CONFINE OUR SUPPORT OR OPPOSITION TO THE FOREIGN ISSUE ALONE."

WOOD EMPHASIZED THAT AMERICA FIRST WAS NOT LAUNCHING A THIRD POLITICAL PARTY.

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# America First Committee To Back Isolationists

By the Associated Press.

CHICAGO, Dec. 3. — Chairman Robert W. Wood said yesterday the American First Committee would not place any candidates in the 1942 election field, but would support aspirants who oppose steps they deem likely to involve the United States in war.

Gen. Wood told reporters the organization would have an active role in both Democratic and Republican primaries, but would confine its efforts to the congressional contests in a move to "get a Congress that will attempt to keep us out of war."

Gen. Wood was asked what part Charles A. Lindbergh, a member of the committee, would play.

He said he didn't believe Mr. Lindbergh would speak for or against any candidate, "except possibly in Minnesota," where the flyer spent his boyhood.

Gen. Wood added that Mr. Lindbergh "has already expressed disinclination to participate in political fight," but that he approved the committee's stand on political policies.

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# Dies Probes America First

## Seeks Pro Nazi Link In Membership Rolls

Membership rolls of the America First Committee and known pro-Nazi organizations are being compared by agents of the Dies Committee in an effort to discover what influence, if any, is exerted in the councils of the isolationist group by subversive elements.

This fact became known yesterday when Representative Martin Dies (D.), of Texas, chairman of the House committee investigating unAmerican activities, disclosed that files and office records of the America First Committee's national headquarters in Chicago have been shipped to Washington by Dies investigators.

Dies said operatives of his committee were dispatched to Chicago several weeks ago to search America First files. All records of the committee were made available to the Dies operatives by Gen. Robert E. Wood, national chairman of America First.

Dies said his probe of America First was chiefly concerned with discovering how many members of the German-American Bund, the German-American Alliance and other avowedly pro-Nazi groups also belonged to America First chapters.

On another front of what appears to be a concerted movement to expose Nazi propagandist methods, the special Federal grand jury, which has been carrying on a separate investigation, will hear Representative Hamilton Fish (R.), of New York, at 10:30 a.m. today.

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# Dies Scans America First Roll for Nazis

Committee's Agents  
Given Access to Files;  
Grand Jury Expects  
To Hear Fish Today

By Dillard Stokes  
Post Staff Writer

Hunting for Nazis and Nazi influence, agents of the House Committee on un-American Activities are combing the membership lists, letter files and other records of the America First Committee's national organization.

Huge quantities of material taken by the agents from the Chicago headquarters of the anti-interventionist group have been sent to Washington for analysis. The Post learned last night.

The committee chairman, Representative Martin Dies (Democrat), of Texas, confirmed the fact that the America First Committee was under investigation.

## All of Records Called For

"There are two important things we want to determine," Dies said:

"First, how many members of America First also are members of bunds, the German-American Alliance and other questionable or downright subversive organizations.

"Second, just how strong is the influence of the Nazi minority in the councils of the America First local and national councils.

"In order to make this important inquiry we called on the America First leadership to produce all their records, of every sort. The America First membership lists will be compared with those of pro-German groups in our possession—lists of people against whom the suspicion of Nazi partisanship is very strong.

"We want to see how many of those people attend the America First meetings, as compared with honest isolationists who may have joined the organization out of sincere conviction. It will be interesting to learn whether these pro-Nazis hold any America First offices and how important they are.

Question of Influence

Suppose it turns out that of the one million membership claimed by America First, only 25 per cent are Nazi sympathizers and the other 75 per cent are good Americans. How far do the minority influence the majority?

"It has happened before. The Nazis have used this technique of 'front' organizations in every country they have conquered. They use it right along with their technique of disunity, turning group against group and section against section."

The America First inquiry was decided upon several weeks ago and subpoenas were being drafted. However, Senator Bennett Clark, anti-interventionist leader, and Gen.

Robert Wood, head of the America First group, informed the Dies committee that no summons was necessary, that they would willingly supply anything that was required.

Two investigators, Michael Dwyer and Harry Pfalsgraf, immediately moved into the America First office in Chicago and began going through the files. They have sent several shipments of material here and others are expected in the next few days.

Dies spoke in the House yesterday on "The Coming of Fascism in America," pointing out that there is a danger that groups under Nazi domination will be the nucleus of a powerful, undisguised Fascist party in this country, no matter who wins the war.

Meanwhile, the special grand jury on German agents is scheduled to resume its sessions today. Representative Hamilton Fish, whose appearance has been sought for a month, has an appointment to appear at 10:30 o'clock this morning for questioning by Special Prosecutors William Power Maloney and Edward J. Hickey, jr., of the Department of Justice propaganda squad. Special Assistant Attorney General George A. McNulty, chief of the criminal division trial section, also is expected to take part in the grand-jury session.

Among subjects about questioning of Fish was in which were the operations of his staff, George Hill, 45, alleged propaganda key men, who is a long trial January 7 on two charges of perjury filed by the special jurors after they heard Hill testify.

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## The Menace of the America First Committee

• What about the America First Committee?

Its capacity for harm is far graver today when the Axis is raining bombs on our people.

The America First Committee has rushed to alibi itself. Through its national leader, General Robert E. Wood of Chicago, and through the statements of other leaders, it says it supports the Government's resistance to the treacherous Japanese attack. Really! What else could it do? But these hasty alibis do not and cannot reassure the American people; nor will they prevent the honest Americans who were deceived by the America First Committee from denouncing—and leaving it as a rotten raft.

Suspicious aspects of the America First Committee increase rather than decrease.

Neither the Committee nor its leaders have in no way repudiated the pro-fascist political platform which was their stock-in-trade. This is important. By no word or syllable do they denounce the whole Axis including Hitler; they do not spurn their fundamental philosophy of coming to an agreement with Hitlerism.

On the contrary, the leaders of the America First Committee, in their snide and reluctant professions of support, are giving every evidence that they are re-adapting themselves for further appeasement in new forms. The official leaders continue to repeat and insinuate the fifth column idea that the United States could have avoided the Axis attack; in this manner they are absolving America's enemies of guilt, and are continuing their disruption of the national unity.

The studied avoidance of a denunciation of German fascism, and the stubborn insistence that it was America's policies which brought on the attack indicate to all thoughtful Americans that this Committee has an ulterior motive for continuing its organizational activities with all its fundamental political viewpoints unchanged.

Clear-thinking Americans, including those who have been so terribly deceived by it, will believe that the dissolution of the America First Committee is a necessary step for national safety.

The Axis and its friends in the United States will be the only ones to regret its organizational dispersion.

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# America First To Be Dissolved

## Wood Asks Support For War Effort

CHICAGO, Dec. 12 (I.N.S.).  
The America First Committee, Inc., which since its organization has fought every Administration move which it regarded as likely to draw the United States into the World War, today ceased all its functions and will dissolve as soon as it is legally possible.

The decision was announced by Gen. Robert E. Wood, acting national chairman, who said that since now the nation is in the war there is only one patriotic course for the organization's membership—to support the Government unqualifiedly.

His statement, given out following a meeting of the national committee in Chicago, said:

"The period of democratic debate on the issue of entering the war is over; the time for military action is here. Therefore, the America First Committee has determined immediately to cease all functions and to dissolve as soon as that can be legally done.

"And, finally, it urges all who have followed its lead to give their full support to the war effort of the nation until peace is attained."

General Wood said the organization would seek to protect its name, America First Committee, so no subversive group could adopt it.

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## America First Platform In Nazi War Declaration

**T**HE menace of the America First Committee, and all that cabal of pro-Fascist traitors who work with it, no matter how much they pretend, like Herbert Hoover, to appear separate and apart, is not lessened by their perfunctory professions of loyalty.

General Robert E. Wood, for the America First Committee, listening to the cry of anger that swept the nation at the bombing of Hawaii, hastened to say that the committee supports the government against the Japanese aggressor. But this should not deceive the many loyal Americans who have been taken in tow by such as General Wood. What else could the gentleman do?

None of these gentlemen renounce the pro-Fascist political program for which they stood. They limited their denunciation to Japan, and though now they may feel obliged to go further, the fact that they studiously avoided any condemnation of Nazi Germany, and their open or veiled accusations that even the Japanese attack was the fault of America's policies, prove clearly enough that the whole kit and caboodle of America Firsters have not really changed their policy, and are merely shifting gears to work for appeasement in new forms.

Observe, if you please, the statement of Lindbergh, who preluded his protestations of patriotism with the insidious accusation: "We have been stepping closer to war for many months. Now it has come." There is no essential difference, indeed there is the same sort of hostile accusation in that, as in the statement of the Berlin "official spokesman" who said: "War-monger Roosevelt has attained his aim."

Herbert Hoover, whose separateness from the America First Committee is more assumed than real, also felt obliged to color his statement of conformity with the tinge of slander: "I have opposed the foreign policies of our government."

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## Dissolution of America First

WE MUST express a courteous disagreement with The Los Angeles Times editorial saying that "the reasons offered by General Robert E. Wood, national chairman of the America First Committee, for the dissolution of that group, are sure to impress the public as to the sincerity of the non-interventionist stand of most of those who were joined with him."

Naturally, we would agree that the thousands of honest Americans who were deceived by the America First leaders were sincere. But that is just the reason that the appeaser and pro-Hitler leaders like Wood and others were compelled to dissolve it.

They were driven to it, since the bombs at Honolulu had first forced them to renounce their support of the Far Eastern end of the Axis, and then came Hitler's declaration of war to knock out the last leg of the argument to which they were still clinging.

Then, even in the announcement of dissolution, General Wood laid the basis for a future disloyal opposition, in declaring: "Our principles were right. Had they been followed, war could have been avoided." Appeasement of the Fascist Axis and its satellites never was right. Neither could have it avoided war. Indeed, as has been proven to the hilt, it guaranteed war, and at a disadvantage to us, as witness the refusal of Congress to fortify Guam and the whole sordid business of supplying Japan.

Lindbergh, whose service to Hitler in convincing the British and others (then led by appeasers who wanted to be convinced) that Hitler was invincible and the Soviet worthless as a military ally, led to the crime of Munich and his getting a Hitler medal—also helped lead France to disaster, Britain to its verge, and America, too, to the crisis of life and death it now faces. There is nothing right or sincere about that treason. Walter Duranty, writing of Lindbergh's five-day visit to the Soviet Union in 1938, says:

"Lindbergh did not get and could not have got a pessimistic story about the Soviet air force from the Soviet flyers, any more than he got from his personal observations. If you wish to know, he got it from the Germans, who doubtless knew better themselves, but wished for their own reasons to have him say what he did."

All the appeasers sought to pull the wool over the eyes of the American people and allow Hitler to strike at an unprepared America with a warning, as he did strike. "Hitler has no illusions in America," John Cudahy, the appeaser multi-millionaire meat packer told a

Senate committee last October. Prior to Hitler's attack on the Soviet Union, he was helping him try to get America on his side. He wrote (S. F. Chronicle):

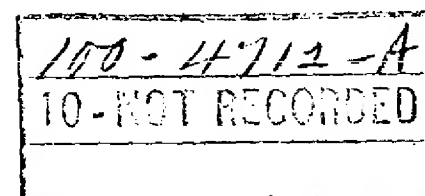
"I told the Fuehrer that the primary opposition to Germany in the United States was based upon the sentiment that the security of the Western Hemisphere was threatened by German aggression . . . He laughed at that and refused to take me seriously."

At the same time, Cudahy artfully tried to create hostility against the Soviet by saying: "Russia, armed to the teeth, stands on the sidelines while civilization wastes itself in conflict." Ergo, join with Hitler in his war on the Soviet Union, his intentions toward America are entirely peaceful.

Lindbergh, at the same time, said he would a thousand times rather America went to war with Germany against the Soviet, than with the Soviet against Germany.

This has been the line of the America Firsters all the time. Now, unrepentant and insisting they were right, they are compelled to give lip service to national unity to escape the just indignation of deceived followers. But we have not forgotten that a Japanese journal only two weeks ago said that, "at the first American defeat," the appeasers and America Firsters "will lead a revolt which will expel President Roosevelt."

We think that The L. A. Times is taking too much for granted in thinking that America First has buried the hatchet for good and all.



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arrest aviation. Later, in 1935, it was exposed by J. Edgar Hoover of the FBI working on the open connection of America First with the German Bund. In an editorial entitled "America Fifth" in its issue of October '31, The Leader warned of dangerous Fifth Columnists in our midst. We said:

001 America First is the decaying name of Father's Fifth Column in America. It should be known as America Fifth.

Band has moved car and baggage into America first.

Nazi earth-bombers are dropping incendiary bombs over this country, but they are dropping more bombs every day. The German band was infected with gangsters and the British people are angry. Germany has decided that Russia can't take any more of its speciality what is the Russian technology.

Edgar Hoover, FBI Director, told the Associated Press that after nearly 18 months investigation of their activities, results quoted by the AP are as follows:

She received a specified salary from an agent of the German Reich for her efforts in spreading the propaganda which she furnished her.

And that she frequently visited Washington to contact Nazi representatives, observed in Associated Press.

Hoover, in the nation's capital, wrote  
for the America First Committee, "The People of  
the Middle West."

the St. Louis Globe-Democrat in an editorial  
entitled "Fifth Columnists" published Feb. 1, 1942.  
This is said to have been:

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# America First Heads Seen As in Business as Usual

By Carl Harris

(Special to the Sunday Worker)

CHICAGO, Dec. 20.—Leaders of appeasement in the Middle West have not stopped their war against the American people. They have only made a "tactical retreat."

The America First Committee and the rest of the pro-Nazi crew were engaged here this week in re-forming their ranks. In spite of official pronouncements that the committee has "dissolved," activities in the national offices of America First are continuing unabated.

This reporter learned that a special staff has been put to work compiling membership lists and otherwise preparing for "future activities." This work, it was learned, is being financed by Gen. Robert Wood, chairman of America First, and some fascist-minded Congressmen.

Behind the honeyed "unity" phrases, the appeasers here are preparing a major offensive with the artillery of defeatism, sly reflections against the U. S. government and the armed forces, and anti-Semitism.

The tip-off to the membership of America First was contained in the announcement that the organization was going out of business—in name only.

In its statement of dissolution, the committee declared that "our principles were right," and in effect served notice that the appeaser group will be heard from further.

Hitlerite organizations functioning under the control of the fascist priest Father Coughlin were also given notice to change their tactics but not their basic pro-Nazi line. The current issue of Coughlin's "Social Justice" points out that there are legal steps which the government can now

take against spies and traitors. "But there is no law forbidding a man's memory to function."

In this paper, the fascist Axis is given a thorough whitewashing and the full responsibility for the war is thrown on the U. S. government. Coughlin is enraged because "Brit-ain" will not admit she caused the war."

## TRIBUNE CARRIES ON

Further evidence that this nest of appeasers has not hauled down the swastika was found in the Chicago Tribune, organ of America First, which has also made the pretense of turning against Hitler.

On Thursday, Dec. 11, the very day that Hitler declared war on the United States, the Tribune sent up an editorial prayer for the defeat of the Soviet Union. The Tribune shuddered editorially at the thought of "a victorious Russia," and belled completely the pro-Nazi paper's protestations of support for the anti-Axis coalition.

With the nation at war, it was apparent that the pro-Hitler elements grouped around America First and the Tribune will play a more sinister role than ever before.

One reason why the leaders of "America First" have decided to put on some camouflage is the shock which many of their honest rank and file followers suffered

with the assault on Pearl Harbor. Thousands of these people—whose hopes for peace had been played upon by the pro-Nazi leadership—saw in a flash the seditious character of the Lindberghs and their like. The additional disclosure that Laura Ingalls, one of the most vociferous of "America First" orators, is a paid agent of the Hitler government has opened the eyes of these people still further. Hence, for the pro-Nazis there must be a new tactic adopted.

## WOULD DISRUPT UNITY

The columns of the Tribune this week carried poisonous propaganda designed to undermine American morale and to drive a wedge into the unity of the people.

Under the cloak of "expert" criticism, the Tribune's military specialist, Capt. M. M. Corpening, published a shoddy and false libel on the U. S. armed forces. Corpening gave his "reasons" why the United States Army falls short of being a fighting force of high efficiency."

The paper is a glowing account of ism and superiority, headlined: "Japs' mettle, experts morale of pilots 'experts,' it turns imaginary and anti-whom the Tribune is so fond of quoting.

The America First Committee made the decision to close its offices after a meeting of the national executive board here. This action was taken in spite of letters received from pro-fascist Congressmen urging the committee to continue.

## SAVES THE NAME

In announcing the move, General Wood declared that certain legal steps would have to be taken in the dissolution under the state corporation laws. There was a sinister implication in Wood's announcement that the group was making sure that no other organization could use the name "America First" in the future.

The "parting shot" of America First was considered here as a brazen affront to the nation which has been so foully attacked. The Hitlerite committee did not blame the Axis pirates for the war. Proving that the appeasers have not suffered a change of heart, the statement declared: "Our principles were right. Had they been followed, war could have been avoided."

Strong feeling was expressed here that these pro-Nazi leaders should not be absolved of their guilt by a wily and clearly insincere pledge of support to the government. It will be remembered that the America First Committee has never made public the source of its enormous funds.

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# Although 'Dissolved,' America First Works Against War Effort

By Conrad Komorowski  
(Special to the Sunday Worker)

CHICAGO, Jan. 17.—The America First Committee has shed its skin. But it cannot disguise its snakelike activities in the battle lines of the American war effort and in preparation for the coming election.

Officially declared "dissolved" when the Japanese attack upon Pearl Harbor forced a strategic retreat upon it, America First still maintains a functioning national office in Chicago.

Generals Wood and Hammond have stepped out of the leadership of this outstanding fascist organization and stepped into leading posts in the war-time production set-up.

It is common information here that America First is busy re-shaping its ranks.

This reporter called to ask when the office will be closed and was told it would be shut "when the business of clearing up records has been completed." More than a month has passed since the "dissolution" statement was made public.

## STILL IN BUSINESS

America First has not given up the struggle; it has merely executed a sinister tactical maneuver.

America First leaders have been shut-mouthed since Dec. 7.

But America First, through its organ, the Chicago Daily Tribune, still today blatantly proclaims the very same ideas it voiced before Dec. 7.

In the "dissolution" statement, America First repudiated nothing of its shameless and pro-fascist past. In fact, it brazenly reaffirmed its stand. "Our principles were right," the declaration stated. "Had they been followed, war could have been avoided."

Not the Japanese war-lords, not Hitler, but our Government was the aggressor, this is what America First shouts!

And the Chicago Tribune repeats this infamous lie in a gloating editorial upon the appointment of Gen. Robert E. Wood and Gen. Thomas S. Hammond—outstanding America First leaders nationally and locally—as full

time civilian members of the Chicago District Ordnance Staff. This editorial, which appeared on Jan. 12, was but one of a series which continues the America First line in the new war-time situation.

Elated by the appointment of two America First leaders, the Tribune brazenly championed the demand that Lindbergh be allowed to furnish "leadership" to the air force. Lindbergh's services, the Jan. 14 editorial claims, "come more nearly being indispensable at this juncture than those of any other man."

To illustrate further how Amer-

ica First policy has not been fundamentally changed, but merely is disguised, examine another editorial in the Tribune, "Our Principal Enemy" (Jan. 14). "For the present, at least, our single war aim must be the crushing of the Japanese," this editorial declares. (My emphasis).

This is but the same old effort to turn American might away from the master fascist, Hitler, away from aid to the Soviet Union, Britain, China.

Before Dec. 7 the appeasers tried to disarm and isolate America and leave it at the mercy of the Axis by dishonest talk about building our national defenses and keeping out of foreign wars. They sabotaged American friendship and cooperation with the nations attacked by the fascist beast.

Now they use our war with Japan as an excuse to stop American aid to the nations allied with us in the common struggle against the axis, enemy of humanity.

But not all their weasel words can hide the deliberate betrayal of our national interest and of our

allies contained in that Tribune editorial.

From long knowledge, the people of Chicago know that victory cannot be entrusted to the Chicago Tribune and America First.

The view of Chicago labor is emphatic on this issue. Labor here definitely declares that pro-fascists cannot be entrusted with the struggle against fascism. Labor remembers the Darlans, Petains, Quislings of Europe and then looks at these would-be Quislings at home.

## LABOR OPPOSES

As Grant Oakes, National Chairman of the CIO Fair Equipment Workers Organization Committee, put it, speaking specifically of Wood and Hammond: "Nothing in their record justifies the appointment. They oppose all efforts of President Roosevelt to defeat the enemies of democracy. Their inclusion in the defense set-up weakens it and gives pleasure to our enemy abroad."

Another symptom of the fear of labor was the blast directed against the appointment that came from the floor at the

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## **More About America First**

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cent meeting of Continental Can workers.

To judge from discussions with dozens of labor leaders, although no unions have adopted resolutions of protest, so far as is known, the sentiment against the appointments is strong, angry, and common to all groups of labor.

There is good reason for this. Labor scents danger when the Copperhead leader Lindbergh is reported holding secret meetings of America First. Pearson and Allen in the column, "Washington Merry Go Round," report that at a secret meeting Lindbergh "counselled his listeners to keep in the background for the present, that there would be an opportunity later for renewed activity and criticism of the America First type. . . ."

Labor considers, too, the secret activities of the Christian Front, associated with America First. Gen. Wood himself welcomed Father Coughlin's support.

### **PLAN TO DISRUPT**

In its Jan. 10 issue, The Hour, an anti-fascist publication charges that "Christian Fronters, acting under instructions from Father Charles E. Coughlin and his Fifth column lieutenants, are flocking into civilian defense organizations . . . to dominate them . . . and in this way place themselves in a most strategic position to sabotage civilian defense work and spread dissension and panic when the 'right time' comes."

America First is preparing for the coming political campaign; the old plans have not been abandoned. All indications point to the conclusion that America First is going to throw its whole weight into saving such men as Senator Wayland Brooks and Representative Day from political annihilation by the people of Illinois.

In this campaign the high councils of the Republican Party will play their part. Gen. Hammond is chairman of the Republican Citizens' Finance Committee of Illinois.

# Philadelphia America Firsters Still Hope, Keep Secretly Intact

By Carl Reeve  
(Special to the Sunday Worker)

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 7. While Philadelphia's people, Negro and white, are doing everything to support the winning of the war to crush Hitlerism, a small group of America Firsters are secretly trying to keep their appeasement ranks together in Philadelphia.

In the last few weeks, the America First officials have sent out two letters to their members, which are in my possession, which make it clear that the aim is to maintain contact with the members. One letter, signed by Isaac Pennypacker "formerly" chairman of America First here, is dated as late as Jan. 1, although it was not received until several days after Jan. 1. Mr. Pennypacker, notorious Philadelphia appeaser, said he sent this letter to notify the Philadelphia organization of disbanding, but actually, the national organization had been formally disbanded nearly a month earlier, on Dec. 11, and the Philadelphia membership had already received a letter dated Dec. 18, from Mrs. John (Irene Thorn) Murphy, Executive Secretary, notifying the Philadelphia members of disbanding.

Mr. Pennypacker in the Jan. 1 letter, goes out of his way to praise Senator James J. Davis as a friend of America First appeasement. He says, in this letter, "As individuals, we will not forget our promises of encouragement and support to those members of the United States Senate, including Senators Wheeler, Nye, Clark, Taft, and our own Senator Davis, and of the House of Representatives, who, during the period of democratic debate over the long months preceding the Japanese attack, proved their courage and fidelity as representatives of the people by opposing measures which were inconsistent with na-

tional security. They were right in the lead that they gave us. So were such informed and public spirited leaders as our national chairman, General Robert E. Wood, and Colonel Charles A. Lindbergh, and such experienced statesmen as Mr. Hoover and Mr. Landon. We were right in following their lead."

Senator Davis now has his hat in the ring for the Republican nomination as Governor of Pennsylvania in the Spring primaries. The voters of Pennsylvania should know that the American First Committee so closely identifies Senator Davis as a friend and leader. Certainly, if Senator Davis runs in the Republican primaries,

he is assured of the support of these appeasers. Senator Davis should let the people know where he stands on this letter of the America First Committee. The Republican Party of Pennsylvania, once for all, should take its stand behind Wendell Willkie for the all-out winning of the war, and condemn all business as usual tendencies in its leadership.

The letters sent out by America First officials since "disbanding" claim they were right. They called for a negotiated peace with Hitler, they said America couldn't possibly be attacked, they tried to separate America from

Britain and the Soviet Union. They attacked, not Hitler, but the Roosevelt government. Their claim to be now for "Victory for America" must therefore be taken with a grain of salt. Particularly since they continue to try to hold their group together in an indirect way. This, of course, does not apply to misguided followers of the America Firsters who are rapidly disassociating themselves from the movement.

Despite these protestations of patriotism, let us remember that these legislators now recommended by the America Firsters, were against the extension of selective service, and opposed the fortification of Guam, and attacked any attempt to organize an effective struggle against Hitler.

## FORCES KEPT INTACT

But a letter sent out by Mrs. John (Irene Thorn) Murphy, Executive Secretary of the Philadelphia Chapter and dated Dec. 18, makes a more open plea that members of the America First Committee, while officially disbanding, shall hang together. In this letter, with a return address from her home at 375 Baird Road, Merion, Pa., Mrs. Murphy says, "It is impossible to foretell what need may arise in our country for citizens to again band together in patriotic service. Therefore I would like to urge you to note my home address at the top of this letterhead, and KEEP IN TOUCH WITH ME FROM TIME TO TIME."

The Federal Government should certainly investigate whether there is continued activity of the America First appeasers. Mrs. Murphy adds, "I hope the ex-

perience I have gained may service to my country at future time; should the need hope we shall find each again in service to America."

Mrs. Murphy goes to the length in this letter of insinuating the United States Government not the Hitlerite and Japanese butchers, were responsible for Japanese attack. She says, "the Government heeded which we urged, American sense would be impregnable day."

This activity is not in the interests of unity of our people in the war. Fifth column appeasers and friends of Hitler are mercilessly exposed. We demand Quislings in America. Investigation is in order.

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# Biddle Aided Them, CIO Leader Says

Saul Mills, Secretary of the Greater New York Industrial Council, in a statement to the Daily Worker yesterday, said:

"Disclosure of fifth column meetings to undermine our war effort so soon after Pearl Harbor amazes all trade unionists.

"Government authorities should act immediately to suppress these groups. They are openly siding with the Axis. This is an attempt to revive the America First movement which, we were told, went out of existence when our country became involved in the war.

"Nor can we overlook the fact that this attempt to bring America First back to life comes less than a week after Attorney General Biddle handed down his ruling to deport Harry Bridges. Biddle's decision gave them the encouragement they needed."

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**DR. PIRONE IS INDUCTED**

**Ex-America First Leader Freed  
on Draft Evasion Charge**

Dr. Frank A. Pirone, a Mount Vernon physician and former leader of the America First organization in that city, agreed to submit to induction in the Army yesterday when arraigned in Federal court on a charge of draft evasion. He said he had misunderstood the regulations, and had failed to appear for induction because of his belief that he need not do so until action had been taken on an application he made recently for a commission in the medical corps.

On this basis, United States Commissioner Garrett W. Cotter released Dr. Pirone to go to Governors Island for induction, and two FBI men who happened to be going that way offered to accompany him. Dr. Pirone recently sought an injunction to prevent his local draft board, for which he had once served as examining physician, from drafting him. This action was dismissed by the Federal court here, however.

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# Heffman, Taft and Wheeler Once More Provide Ammunition

## For the Nightshirt Fringe That Supported

By LUTHER CONANT, JR.

The unconstructed leaders of the isolationist bloc—in their unwavering defense of America Firstism—are once again providing propaganda fodder for the Nightshirt fringe.

This time the Nightshirts are under indictment for conspiracy to sabotage the morale of the armed forces.

Leaders among the indicted (see four below) have seized upon the violent attacks made by this bloc upon the Justice Dept.

In their trial fund appeals they have cited in their defense the snide and unfounded insinuations of Senators Taft and Wheeler and Rep. Hoffman that the indictments were a political plot by the New Deal.

So, more than a year after Pearl Harbor, we find the old familiar pattern repeated. The Nightshirt fringe finding aid and comfort in the Congressional Record.

### AN EDITORIAL

It is neither by accident nor collusion that the voices raised in implied defense of the indicted propagandists are the voices of those who once wanted us to do business with Hitler.

For, sedition aside, both had the common goal of non-intervention before Pearl Harbor.

But isolationism is not on trial.

Certain persons face trial for certain definite charged offenses.

Hoffman and Company could best serve the war effort by keeping hands off the judicial branch of our Government.

—L. C., Jr.

Rep. Clare Hoffman would have the country believe that indictments returned by a Federal grand jury after presentation of evidence by the Justice Dept. is a New Deal plot. Last December he sponsored a bill calling for a Congressional investigation of the indictments.

Isolationist Hoffman fought war preparedness tooth and nail. He co-operated with the people who were distributing pro-Nazi propaganda before Pearl Harbor. He considers President Roosevelt a "Judas." His speeches have long been circulated by the Nightshirt fringe. He is a violent labor-baiter.

Sen. Robert Taft last November wrote Atty. Gen. Biddle suggesting a review of the evidence on which the 25 were indicted. He also wrote Gerald B. Winrod (see below), saying: "I feel very strongly that the methods pursued by the Government in their Washington indictments present a real danger to the continuation of freedom in this country."

Isolationist Taft was one of the principal spokesmen for the America First line. He did his best for months before Pearl Harbor to sabotage our foreign policy.

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Sen. Burton K. Wheeler told Cissy Patterson's *Washington Times-Herald* last month that the Justice Dept.'s conduct of the 28 indictments "was one of the most disgraceful proceedings ever carried on in this country." Wheeler was incensed that America First had been named in the conspiracy indictment.

Isolationist Wheeler was the greatest political leader of America First. Remember what he said about Selective Service: "If you pass this bill, you split the throat of the last democracy . . . and give Hitler his greatest and cheapest victory."

Charles F. Hudson boasts that the isolationist bloc is coming to their defense. In an appeal letter, dated Dec. 22, he writes: "The fact that Reps. Hoffman and Fish, and Sens. Taft and Wheeler have come to the aid of the innocent defendants, now gives our personal friends something to go on."

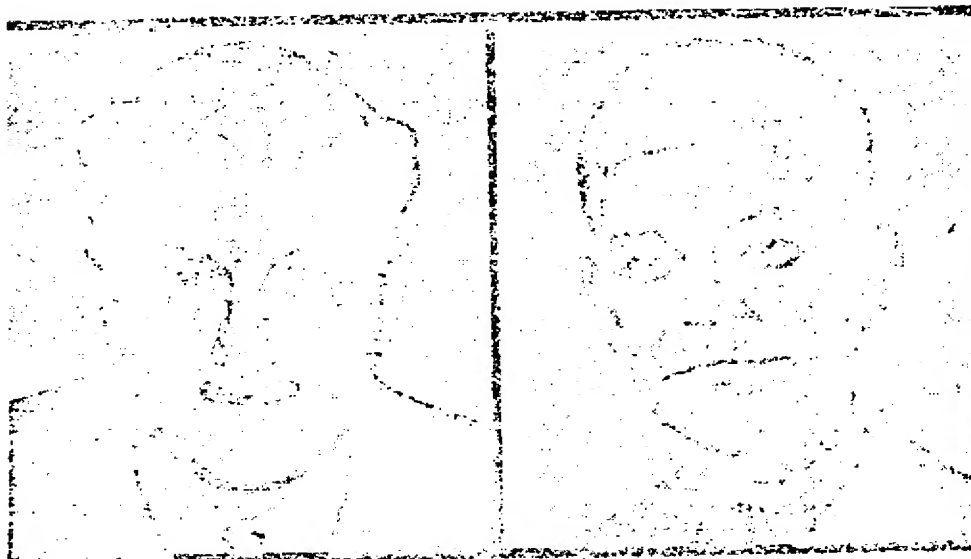
Remember: Isolationist Hudson is an old-line anti-Semitic writer, publisher, distributor. . . . Last year he mailed out thousands of copies of Hoffman's "Roosevelt Is a Judas" speech. He holds that the U. S. attacked the Japs first.

Elizabeth Dilling thought so much of Taft's letter to Biddle that she devoted a full page to it in her Thanksgiving appeal for funds. In another appeal letter, she brags that two "patriotic" Senators and one Representative have written to advise her on how to conduct her defense.

Remember: Isolationist Dilling is one of the darlings of the *Chicago Tribune*. She was in the forefront of the movement that touted Gen. George Van Horn Moseley as native informer. Her books have been fodder for the Axis propaganda mills. She is a hysterical Jew-baiter.

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Gerald R. Winrod, able propagandist that he is, makes good use of Taft's attack on Biddle—Winrod also cites in his defense, "Native Nazi Purge Plot," by Jack Kamp, the extreme Roosevelt-hater pamphlet exposed last Fall by P.M. Winrod, Taft and Kamp are all big time Roosevelt-haters.

Remember: Isolationist Winrod was one of the early leaders among the native nightshirts, friendly with Pelley (jailed), Moseley (forgotten), Smythe (indicted), and Deatherage (indicted). He, too, was an anti-Semitic publisher.

Court Asher, in a December issue of the X-Ray, whose second-class mailing permit was revoked by the P. O. Dept. last Spring on grounds of sedition, calls his lead editorial, "Now Investigate the Smealers." The investigation turns out to be the one sponsored by Hoffman.

Remember: Isolationist Asher, after Pearl Harbor, called for the impeachment of President Roosevelt. The X-Ray continually warned that Russia and China would desert us. The P. O. Dept. cited the magazine for a "sustained and systematic" attack on the war effort and public morale.

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## Lindbergh, Wood Must Not Hold War Posts--

The America First Committee was conspicuous among the enemy groups named by the Federal Grand Jury in Washington in its indictment of 28 fascist conspirators.

Major General Robert I. Wood, head of the America First conspiracy, was appointed "full time adviser" to the Chicago ordinance district of the United States Army on Jan. 8.

Charles D. Lindbergh, the chief spokesman of the America First conspiracy, has an important post with the Ford Motor Co., which has immense war contracts.

Neither of these America First chieftains was personally indicted, but it is obvious that no enemy elements can be tolerated in the nation's war activities.

Since Pearl Harbor Lindbergh has urged that Hitler should have been permitted to destroy the Soviet Union, the ally America's existence depends on today.

And Wood who organized the America First conspiracy in alliance with German Bundists and Nazi propagandists has never apologized for his activities. Nor has he repudiated his statement of May, 1941, that America must not defend the part of South America that lies below "the bulge."

Indictment of 28 fascist supporters of these leaders have their hands in the country's defense machinery. Wood and Lindbergh must be driven from such posts.

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# Fascists Boom Rickenbacker

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DETROIT, Mich., Feb. 9.—At a meeting of the America First Party at Maccabees Auditorium, here, fascist-minded Gerald L. K. Smith Sunday launched a presidential boom for Lieut. Col. Eddie Rickenbacker, who two weeks ago used his prestige as a flyer to attack American labor and the progressive forces in the war.

Rickenbacker, who has been bitterly attacked by Detroit labor for using his position to forward reaction to the detriment of the war effort, was compared by Smith to Charles A. Lindbergh, and was lauded as "a founder of the America First Committee."

A resolution naming Rickenbacker and Lindbergh as "presidential material in 1944" was presented as the climax of a speech in which Smith attacked the Soviet Union, Great Britain, all plans for international coalition after the war, rationing, and declared that he forebore attacking Japan sharply for fear of reprisals.

The resolution was adopted by the 600 persons present as women paraded before the gathering bearing signs reading, "Rickenbacker is O.K. With America First Party," and "America Needs More Rickenbackers."

Smith urged his followers to "exert pressure to place in control of the Democratic Party such men as Senators Wheeler and Reynolds; in control of the Republican Party such men as Congressman Brooks, Day, and Hoffman."

"If these parties cannot be made to put into the race in 1944 such real Americans as Charles Lindbergh and Eddie Rickenbacker," he cried, "then the America First Party must do it."

"Rickenbacker is a real American, a Christian, and a founder of the America First Committee."

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# Former America First Leaders Start Isolationist Drive in Midwest

By VICTOR RIESSEL

Midwest America First undercover leaders have begun to organize political activity in the Chicago-Detroit-Indianapolis area to campaign for nomination of isolationists on the regular Republican and Democratic national tickets in 1944, The Post learned today.

Efforts will be made by isolationist organizers to build their new political machinery around the 5,000,000 midwesterners who signed the America First anti-war pledge between March and October of 1941. Existence of these heretofore undisclosed lists was revealed to The Post by a former America First Committee publicist.

These lists were to be used by former national AFC leaders for a political campaign which was announced by Gen. Robert E. Wood, AFC chairman, the week before Pearl Harbor. Wood said then that the purpose of this campaign was to elect an "anti-war, anti-Roosevelt Congress" in 1942.

Minor Leaders Active  
Since Pearl Harbor, second-string AFC leaders have taken over the remains of the isolationist apparatus, because virtually all the former AFC national committeemen have been supporting the war.

Apparently the best organized and most heavily financed of these present isolationist leaders is Gerald L. B. Smith, former Huey Long aide, who set up the America First Party in Detroit's Eagle Hall on Jan. 10, 1943. That night he attacked Vice President Wallace, urged his impeachment, and demanded that the regular political parties nominate Charles A. Lindbergh or Sen. Wheeler for the Presidency in 1944.

Smith's party is governed by a Committee of 1,000, now busy collecting funds from war workers in the Detroit region. Smith and other members of the committee of 1,000 have been in contact with former America First financial supporters in Midwest cities.

Several States Involved

Smith has reported effective America First Party units operating in Iowa, Minnesota, Illinois and Ohio. He has been active in

invading New York City scene of the collapse of his Committee of 1,000.

The AFP's candidate for mayor of Chicago is Capt. Earl E. Smith, formerly director of the Chicago Citizens Committee Against War. Smith ran the first isolationist rally for Lindbergh in the summer of 1940.

Southard, now assistant national AFP organizer, was one of the early activists of the Chicago America First Committee. Smith and Southard are spending much time in Chicago in an effort to obtain press and radio support for the AFP.

Nomination Campaign

At a Mar. 9 AFP rally, Smith announced that the party was starting a campaign to win a place on the Michigan and Illinois ballots in 1943. Again he proposed Wheeler for the Presidency.

Meanwhile, Chicago America First elements have been organizing to obtain a Congressional nomination for James H. Doolittle, former New York professor and mobilizer chief.

McWilliams has been speaking to citizens' groups in and around Chicago in an apparently successful effort to enlist support for his hard-egg service men's bonus scheme. He has proposed, in an elaborate post-war plan, that every veteran of this war be given \$7,000 in 3 1/2 per cent government bonds. Under his scheme the bonds may be sold "to provide cash... for certain purposes... to get married, build a home, en-

gage in business, buy a farm, complete education, etc."

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The Barrington Rand Press of Barrington, Ill., has published McWilliams' bonus plan in a booklet called "When Johnny Comes Marching Home."

The Rand Press also has printed McWilliams' new book, "The Servicemen's Reconstruction Plan," which reveals that the plan's purpose is to "maintain morale; prevent collapse at the end of the war; give our youth a chance to become productive promptly when peace comes; make possible delayed marriages; reconstitute the American middle class; prevent the rise of Communism after the war; create unity now, and avert another Bonus Army."

McWilliams, owner of the publishing house, has been issuing the "Post War Bulletin," which is, in effect, McWilliams' personal publicity newsletter. Copies of this literature and the book have been sent to all Congressmen.

On Feb. 2 McWilliams asked the Central Kiwanis Club of Chicago for backing. On Feb. 18 he met with 16 important citizens at the Hotel Baker, St. Charles, Ill., for further organization of support for his bonus plan and Congressional ambitions.

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**Denver Acts to Prevent  
'America First' Rally**

By the Associated Press.

DENVER, Sept. 14.—Denver's City Council last night asked cancellation of a contract to rent the City Auditorium tonight for an America First Party rally at which Gerald L. K. Smith is scheduled to be principal speaker.

The city commissioner of supplies, who signed the contract, had announced earlier that it would not be canceled. The council's resolution is under consideration by Mayor Ben Stapleton.

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# Taft, Nye Lead Defeatist Fight To Cripple Connally Resolution

By Adam Lapin

(Daily Worker Washington Bureau)

WASHINGTON, Nov. 4.—Senate defeatists defiantly flaunted the banners of the America First movement on the eve of Senate action to pledge United States cooperation to maintain world peace.

The agreement to this effect is in the Moscow declaration.

Opponents of United States cooperation with the United Nations put up a determined show of strength obviously designed to mar the effectiveness of approval of the Connally resolution which now includes part of the language of the Moscow declaration.

The demonstration of the defeatists took two forms. Senators Gerald Nye of North Dakota and Robert Taft of Ohio made speeches which emphasized that they have not retreated an inch from their opposition to the war effort. And the defeatist bloc also tried desperately to burden the amended and strengthened Connally resolution with crippling amendments.

Several efforts by Senator Tom Connally, chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, to obtain a definite time limitation were balked. But there is still hope that a final vote can be taken tomorrow.

Defeatists were able to muster

15 votes in favor of an amendment by Senator John D. Dwyer, Connecticut Republican. The amendment was defeated by a 70 to 15 vote.

The amendment wrote into the resolution a paraphrase of the Atlantic Charter. Among the provisions of the amendment were that in any peace agreement among the nations "no signatories shall seek aggrandizement territorial or otherwise" and that "no territorial changes shall be permitted which do not accord with the freely expressed wishes of the peoples concerned."

While the Soviet Government has

approved the Atlantic Charter, the object of the defeatists was obviously to snipe at the Soviet Union by trying to lay a basis for the assertion that return to the Soviet Union of the "Baltic States and parts of Poland would represent aggression."

Another reason for support of the amendment by the defeatists was that they hoped the Connally resolution would become completely meaningless if it were cluttered up with lots of amendments.

## DEFEATISTS VOTE IN BLOC

Practically the entire active defeatist bloc including Senators Burton K. Wheeler, Taft, Nye and Hiram Johnson voted for the Dwyer amendment.

Shortly afterwards Senator Chapman Revercomb, West Virginia Democrat, offered an amendment providing that participation by the United States in any world organization to keep the peace "shall be by treaty only."

No one here expects that the United States would adhere to any world organization without Senate ratification. But this amendment too was designed to burden down the resolution with confusion and qualification.

The Revercomb amendment got a substantial vote. It was defeated by a 54 to 28 vote margin. The 28 votes for the amendment probably represent the high water mark of defeatist strength.

It is not expected that more than about eight senators will dare to oppose the Connally resolution as it now stands on the final vote.

The ground work for these shenanigans was laid in two speeches earlier in the day by Senators Nye and Taft.

Nye bluntly said that the Willis amendment providing that treaties made under the resolution have to

be ratified by the Senate "may prove to be the only part of the resolution that has real and direct meaning and force." The Willis amendment has been approved by the Senate Foreign Relations Committee and is now part of the Connally resolution.

## NYE LEADS DISRUPTERS

Then Nye made an impassioned defense of the America First Committee.

"There is both honor and glory in the days to come for the purpose the America First Committee and movement served," he declared.

Taft actually told the Senate that he still feels our entry into the war against the Axis was all a big mistake.

"In effect, we entered this war because the people were persuaded that if we did not do so it would endanger our freedom. I did not agree, and I have not changed my mind as far as any threat from Europe is concerned.

"I was opposed to war policy in Europe because I felt that we were being asked to engage in an all-out war which was not really necessary to preserve our freedom, on the ground only that it was necessary to avoid an all-out war. The remedy was just as bad as the disease."

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# Nye OK's Fascism in Germany After War

(Special to the Daily Worker)

CHICAGO, Nov. 18.—Senator Gerald P. Nye was credited today with the statement that "the German people must be given the right to go back to fascism after the war, if they want it."

The lean, 50-year-old senator, who for 18 years has represented North Dakota in Congress gave a clear picture of his defeatist tactics in a press conference in Chicago.

Nye came to Chicago under the cover of the Republican Party, ostensibly to stop the sentiment for unity to win the war sweeping the Mid-West as the result of the Moscow conference and to rally defeatist elements around the Republican nationalist revival committee which he addressed in Orchestra Hall.

Gov. Dwight Green of Illinois called for a "revival of the rallying point for the defeatists in this area sent greetings to WUHAM

J. Grace, head of the Revival Committee, which was read to the 1,300 persons at the meeting. Green's telegram, expressing regret at not being able to attend, marked his first recognition of Grace's organization.

Lieut. Gov. Cross also sent a wire which read: "Keep up the good cause in reviving the creed of 100 per cent Americanism."

In his press conference, Nye dragged out the well-known red-baiting tactics and demonstrated that the red-baiter condemns Communists as a shield to attack all progressive forces.

He said, "The threat of Communism to America would be absent if the Roosevelt administration were eliminated."

He denied that "fascism is essentially militaristic or aggressive," and called for a "revival of the American First Committee if conditions warrant it after the war."

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# Why Is This Man on Education Board?

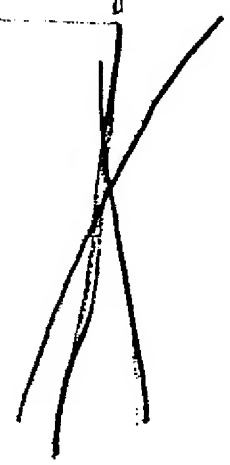
The current defeatist line against America's war mobilization was expounded over the Town Hall of the Air radio forum Thursday night by a member of New York's Board of Higher Education.

John F. Flynn, erstwhile chairman of the America First Committee here and member of the Board, called our war government a "nice, polite, pleasant, pretty form of fascism."

His complaint against the Administration was that it takes powers away from the individual states, vests more authority in the President and strips Congress of much of its authority. In other words, his kick is that the United States government is conducting an all-out war.

What a contribution to the nation's morale in the war against fascism to be told by a member of the Board of Higher Education that our own government is fascist!

Can New York allow this, unregenerate America. First to remain in a position of power and influence over its college youth?



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# Pre-Fascists to 'Invade' Phila<sup>3</sup>

(Special to The Worker)

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., Feb. 24.—Gerald L. ~~Smith~~ and Congressman ~~Smith~~ on Washington) ~~Clare~~ Hoffman plan a quiet invasion of Philadelphia next Thursday to spread their Hitler-inspired campaign of racial hatred to smear Roosevelt and to engineer the way for a negotiated peace.

Hoffman is scheduled as main speaker with Smith presiding at a meeting in the Rose Room of the Bellevue Stratford March 2, at 8 P. M.

Invitations to the meeting signed "Yours for America First" have been mailed out direct from Detroit where Smith has headquarters.

However, the names signed are those of the local sponsors—the Blue Star Mothers—headed by ~~Catherine~~ ~~Smith~~ and ~~Lillian~~ ~~Paris~~ with headquarters at 4 South 15 St. This is the anti-Semitic and fascist outfit connected with the ~~Crusading~~ Mothers headed by the notorious ~~Agnes~~ ~~Winters~~. The subversive activities of both groups have been repeatedly exposed in this paper. (See last Monday's Daily Worker).

The same Blue Star Mothers sponsored Smith's first Philadelphia appearance last Nov. 12 which aroused a storm of protest.

The Daily Worker also learned that ~~Elizabeth~~ ~~Dilling~~, under indictment for sedition, spoke at a small secret meeting organized at the Bellevue Stratford two weeks ago by the Blue Star Mothers where money was raised for Mrs. Dilling's defense.

The anti-Semitic character of the Hoffman-Smith America First meeting is made clear by the announcement. Hoffman is hailed as the arch enemy of Walter Winchell, frequent subject of denigration by the Hoffman-Henkin gang.

The announcement also hails the outlook for "an anti-New Deal victory" in 1944.

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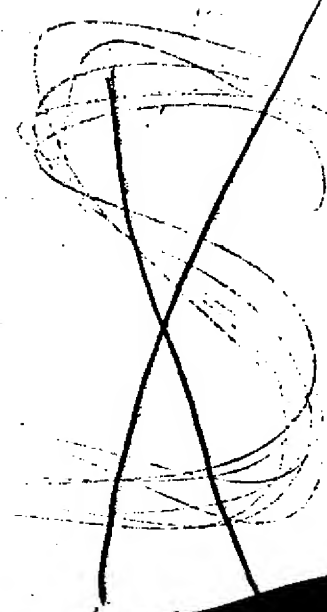
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# 2,500 at Rally Ask Return of Coughlinism

Packed Brooklyn Meeting  
Cheers Denunciations of  
Roosevelt, Willkie, Dewey

An audience of 2,500 wildly-  
cheering men and women crowded  
the Columbus Club, 1 Prospect  
Park West, Brooklyn, last night  
and roared approval of speakers  
who called for a public crusade for  
isolationism, and urged a return  
of the radio exhortations of the  
Rev. Charles E. Coughlin and days  
of the American First Committee.

The meeting was under the  
auspices of the American Citizens'  
Committee and before it was many  
minutes under way announcement  
was made that a membership cam-  
paign has been launched for the  
formation of a national committee  
to seek to return the country to  
the principles of the America First  
Committee and for establishment  
of aggressive isolationism after  
the war.

The announcement, by Michael  
Curran, who presided at the  
meeting, said membership head-  
quarters have been set up at 407  
Bergen Street, Brooklyn, which is  
the headquarters of the Interna-  
tional Catholic Truth Society. The  
Rev. Edward L. Curran, pas-  
tor of St. Joseph's Roman Catho-  
lic Church, in Brooklyn, and a  
leading supporter of Father Cough-  
lin, is president of this society.  
Father Curran was the chief  
speaker last night.

In his speech Father Curran  
said: "Tonight we call for a peo-  
ple's crusade against every public  
official who would profane the  
holy places of orthodox American-  
ism with the un-American princi-  
ples of internationalism. For the  
welfare of the United States at  
home and abroad we need only one  
thing—a united people determined  
that only those who believe in  
America first shall occupy public  
office."

The dominant issue in the life  
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## 2,500 at Rally

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of our country today is nationalism  
versus internationalism; domestic  
independence versus foreign alli-  
ance; orthodox Americanism versus  
international totalitarianism.

"These are the questions that  
must be answered by the people  
and not the politicians. These are  
the questions which must be  
answered in the interests of the  
United States and not of the  
United Nations.

"The Wisconsin primary was the  
handwriting on the wall. There  
the challenge was given and there  
the people answered by consigning  
to political oblivion the man whose  
devotion to foreign alliance was  
greater than his devotion to the  
independence of his country."

Roosevelt Is Assailed

This attack on Wendell L. Will-  
kie was followed by attacks by  
other speakers on President Roose-  
velt and Governor Thomas E.  
Dewey. William J. Grace, Chicago  
attorney, who described himself  
as an isolationist, "nationalist,  
anti-British, anti-Russian, and  
"anti everything that wants to  
stick its nose into American busi-  
ness," led these attacks by saying  
of the President: "The idea that  
a public official should be trustee  
is a fallacy. The American theory

is to elect 'em and suspect 'em."

Of Governor Dewey, he said:  
"Your own Governor joins the  
anti-American anvil chorus today.  
The gentleman who wants to be  
President and says, 'Tempt me,  
tempt me, tempt me,' said there  
should be, there must be, a Brit-  
ish-American alliance and he dis-  
graced himself and his country by  
asserting that our independence in  
the past 100 years has been pro-  
tected by the British Navy."

Another speaker was William B.  
Gallagher, of Boston, formerly a  
member of the America First Com-  
mittee and a supporter of Father  
Coughlin's social justice program.  
Father Curran, mentioning Father  
Coughlin at the outset of his  
speech, said: "We will do every-  
thing we can to bring him back  
to the radio airways."

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# America First in election drive

## G. K. Smith backs candidates, spotlights Fascist campaign

CHICAGO, April 1 (FP).—The America First campaign to elect pro-Fascist candidates to office in the coming elections, disclosed by Federated Press, came into the open when Gerald L. K. Smith announced support of three Republican candidates for congressional nominations. They are: Charles J. Anderson, Jr., in the sixth district, Frederick R. Kister in the ninth and Mrs. Florence Griesel in the 10th.

A leading anti-Semite, Anderson was Republican nominee for representative in the sixth district two years ago. The Cook County Republican Committee repudiated him as a candidate because of his un-American activities. Opposing Anderson in the April 9 elections is Harold C. Woodward, a veteran and son of the late federal judge, Charles E. Woodward.

### SMITH ASSOCIATE

Kister, whom the America Firsters are backing for the nomination in the ninth district, is organizer of the so-called Christian Veterans of America and an associate of Smith in many of his other activities.

Robert J. Twyman, a veteran of both World War I and II, is opposing Kister.

Mrs. Griesel, the third candidate endorsed by Smith, is active in We the Mothers and other Fascist organizations.

Smith's indorsement of the three candidates is just the first move in the campaign to elect anti-Fascists to Congress this year. Other activities of the native Fascists will be to fight labor candidates and support anti-labor nominees in areas where no America Firsters are running, according to undercover sources.

The Fascists are devoting all their efforts to the election drive and have met secretly throughout Chicago to plan their election strategy. While they admit there is little chance of most of their candidates being nominated, they are hoping a few will get on the ballot.

After the primaries full effort of the groups will be put behind whichever candidates are nominated.

Cooperating in the campaign are the Christian Veterans of America, We the Mothers, American Relief for Germany and other Fascist organizations.

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(DALY).  
LAR J. DALY, SENATE CANDIDATE OF THE 'AMERICA FIRST' PARTY IN ILLINOIS, MADE AN UNSUCCESSFUL EFFORT TODAY TO FILE AN APPEAL WITH THE SUPREME COURT FOR REVIEW OF THE REFUSAL OF THE STATE ELECTORAL BOARD TO PLACE THE PARTY ON THE BALLOT.

A COURT CLERK TOLD DALY HE WOULD NEED A CERTIFIED RECORD OF THE ILLINOIS SUPREME COURT'S ACTION SEPT. 27 REFUSING TO ALLOW THE ORGANIZATION TO APPEAL THE STATE ELECTORAL BOARD'S DECISION.

DALY CLAIMED HE APPEARED AT THE ELECTORAL OFFICE BEFORE THE 5 P.M. AUG. 16 DEADLINE FOR FILING PETITIONS AND THAT HIS PETITION WAS IN ORDER. HE CHARGED THAT A CLERK, WHOM HE DESCRIBED AS A SUPPORTER OF SEN. PAUL DOUGLAS (D-ILL.) TURNED DOWN THE PETITION ON THE GROUNDS IT WAS PRESENTED TOO LATE.

DALY ADMITTED THAT THE ELECTION WILL PROBABLY BE OVER BEFORE ANY ACTION CAN BE TAKEN ON HIS APPEAL. BUT HE SAID "THE PUBLICITY RESULTING FROM THE LAST-DITCH FIGHT FOR THE PRINCIPLES OF 'AMERICA FIRST' IN ILLINOIS WILL GO FAR TOWARD CONVINCING JOE (JOSEPH T.) WEEK (REPUBLICAN SENATORIAL CANDIDATE) THAT HIS ONLY HOPE FOR VICTORY IS BY ADOPTING AN ALL-OUT 'AMERICA FIRST' CAMPAIGN POLICY."

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